

Assembly Bill No. 89

CHAPTER 390

An act to amend Section 31485.10 of the Government Code, relating to county employees' retirement, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

[Approved by Governor October 2, 2011. Filed with
Secretary of State October 2, 2011.]

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 89, Hill. County employees' retirement.

The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes counties and districts to establish retirement systems pursuant to its provisions in order to provide pension benefits to employees. The County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 authorizes the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo to provide any retirement benefits for some, but not all, general members or safety members of a county. The law authorizes a resolution adopted pursuant to these provisions to require members to pay all or part of the contributions by a member or employer, or both, that would have been required if specified provisions relating to the calculation of retirement benefits, as adopted by the board or governing body, had been in effect during the period of time designated in the resolution.

This bill would authorize a resolution adopted pursuant to the provisions described above to require safety members hired on and after the effective date of this measure to pay all or part of the contributions by a member or employer, or both. The bill would require in this instance that payment by a safety member would become part of the accumulated contributions of the safety member. The bill would specify, for those safety members who are represented by a bargaining unit, that the payment requirement and any changes to it would not be effective until approved in a memorandum of understanding executed by the board of supervisors and the employee representatives.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31485.10 of the Government Code is amended to read:

31485.10. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in a county of the 10th class, as defined in Sections 28020 and 28031, the board of supervisors may, by resolution, ordinance, contract, or contract amendment

under this chapter, provide any retirement benefits for some, but not all, general members or safety members of a county.

(b) The resolution, ordinance, contract, or contract amendment described in subdivision (a) may provide a different formula for calculation of retirement benefits, by making any section of this chapter applicable to any subgroup of members within a membership classification, including, but not limited to, bargaining units, or unrepresented groups, applicable to service credit earned on and after the date specified in the resolution, which date may be earlier than the date the resolution is adopted.

(c) A resolution adopted pursuant to this section may require members to pay all or part of the contributions by a member or employer, or both, that would have been required if the section or sections specified in subdivision (b), as adopted by the board or governing body, had been in effect during the period of time designated in the resolution. The payment by a member shall become part of the accumulated contributions of the member. For those members who are represented by a bargaining unit, the payment requirement shall be approved in a memorandum of understanding executed by the board of supervisors and the employee representatives.

(d) A resolution adopted pursuant to this section may require safety members hired on and after the effective date of the act adding this subdivision to pay all or part of the contributions by a member or employer, or both. The payment by a safety member shall become part of the accumulated contributions of the safety member. For those safety members who are represented by a bargaining unit, the payment requirement and any changes to the payment requirement shall not be effective until approved in a memorandum of understanding executed by the board of supervisors and the employee representatives.

(e) This section shall only apply to members who retire on or after the effective date of the resolution described in subdivision (a) or (b).

(f) This section shall not become operative unless and until the county board of supervisors, by resolution adopted by a majority vote, makes this section operative in the county.

SEC. 2. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to implement the terms of a negotiated memorandum of understanding, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.